## 1 BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 2 3 4 5 IN THE MATTER OF THE ) DOCKET NO. 6 INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT 7 BETWEEN OWEST CORPORATION AND ) 8 MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION ) 9 SERVICES, LLC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ) 10 AMENDMENT FOR ELIMINATION OF ) AGREEMENT FILING 11 UNE-P AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BATCH ) 12 HOT CUT PROCESS AND QPP MASTER 13 SERVICE AGREEMENT. 14 15 16 MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C., ("MCImetro") submits for 17 approval a negotiated amendment between MCImetro and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") 18 entitled Amendment to Interconnection Agreement for Elimination of UNE-P and 19 Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process and Discounts ("BHC Amendment") as well as 20 QPP Master Service Agreement ("QPP MSA") also between MCImetro and Qwest for 21 the Commission's review and approval each attached hereto. 22 1. **General Description of Agreements** 23 A. Amendment to Interconnection Agreement for Elimination of 24 UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process and Discounts, including 25 Attachment A thereto, and 26 OPP Master Service Agreement, including Service Exhibit 1 – В. Owest Platform Plus<sup>TM</sup> Service, Attachment A to Exhibit 1 Performance Targets for 27 Owest OPP Service, Rate Sheets, and Owest Platform Plus<sup>TM</sup> (OPP<sup>TM</sup>) Rate Page - Port 28 29 Rate Increases

2. A description of the services provided pursuant to the agreement or amendment and the means by which the services are provided pursuant to the agreement or amendment;

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A. BHC Amendment - MCImetro previously purchased on an unbundled basis from Owest certain combinations of network elements, ancillary functions, and additional features, including without limitation the local loop, port, switching, and shared transport combination commonly known as unbundled network element platform ("UNE-P"). These UNE-P arrangements were previously obtained by MCImetro under the terms and conditions of certain interconnection agreements including without limitation in certain states Qwest's statement of generally available terms. Both MCImetro and Qwest acknowledge certain regulatory uncertainty in light of the DC Circuit Court's decision in United States Telecom Association v. FCC, 359 F.3d 554 (March 2, 2004), with respect to the future existence, scope, and nature of Qwest's obligation to provide such UNE-P arrangements under the Communications Act (the "Act"). Therefore, to address such uncertainty and to create a stable arrangement for the continued availability to MCImetro from Qwest of services technically and functionally equivalent to the June 14, 2004 UNE-P arrangements the parties have contemporaneously entered into a Master Service Agreement for the provision of Qwest Platform Plus<sup>TM</sup> service (the "QPPTM MSA"). The term of the Amendment begins on July 16, 2004 remains in effect through July 31, 2008. The provisions of the Amendment are intended to amend and supercede those provisions of MCImetro's existing and all future interconnection or other agreements only as they relate to the offering of unbundled mass market switching or unbundled enterprise switching and unbundled shared transport in combination with other

- 1 network elements as part of the unbundled network element platform, and Batch Hot
- 2 Cuts. Upon deployment of Qwest's Batch Hot Cut Status Tool and amendment of
- 3 Appointment Scheduler to accommodate Batch Hot Cut orders, Qwest shall provide
- 4 Batch Hot Cuts to MCImetro upon the rates, terms and conditions stated in the
- 5 Agreement. The base Batch Hot Cut price is \$27.50 per line unless the incentive
- 6 thresholds below are met. If the number of MCImetro's QPP<sup>TM</sup> lines as of October 31,
- 7 2005 equals or exceeds 90% of the sum of MCImetro's QPP<sup>TM</sup> and UNE-P lines as of
- 8 October, 31, 2004, the Batch Hot Cut rate for MCImetro will be reduced to \$23 per line
- 9 for Batch Hot Cuts performed during the time period from January 1, 2006 through
- December 31, 2006. If the number of MCImetro's QPP<sup>TM</sup> lines as of October 31, 2006
- equals or exceeds 90% of the sum of MCImetro's QPP<sup>TM</sup> and UNE-P lines as of October,
- 12 31, 2005, the Batch Hot Cut rate for MCImetro will be reduced to \$18.50 per line for
- 13 Batch Hot Cuts performed during the time period from January 1, 2007 through end of
- 14 the term of this Amendment. For purposes of this section, the number of QPP<sup>TM</sup> lines
- and the sum of QPP<sup>TM</sup> and UNE-P lines shall be calculated on a regionwide basis that
- includes all states in which this Amendment is in effect.
- 17 Integrated Digital Loop Carrier ("IDLC") is not a part of the standard Batch Hot
- 18 Cut process. However, the pricing for Batch Hot Cuts will apply to IDLC loops. IDLC
- loops will be batched together in quantities of no more than 40 IDLC loops per state, per
- 20 day. Line Splitting to Loop Splitting conversions can be included the Batch Hot Cut
- 21 process at the same pricing for Batch Hot Cuts stated above. Batch Hot Cut limits are in
- 22 effect as established in the Batch Hot Cut Process described in Attachment A.

1 During the term of the Agreement Qwest will not offer or provide to MCImetro, 2 and MCImetro will not order or purchase from Qwest, unbundled mass market switching, 3 unbundled enterprise switching or unbundled shared transport, in combination with other 4 network elements as part of UNE-P, out of its existing interconnection agreement with 5 Qwest, a Qwest SGAT or any other interconnection agreement governed by 47 U.S.C. 6 §§251 and 252 that MCImetro or one of its affiliates may in the future enter into with 7 Owest. 8 B. **QPP MSA** - Qwest will provide QPP<sup>TM</sup> service offerings to 9 MCImetro. MCImetro may use QPP<sup>TM</sup> services to provide any telecommunications 10 services, information services, or both that MCImetro chooses to offer. QPP<sup>TM</sup> services 11 consists of the Local Switching Network Element (including the basic switching function, 12 the port, plus the features, functions, and capabilities of the Switch including all 13 compatible and available vertical features, such as hunting and anonymous call rejection, 14 provided by the Qwest switch) and the Shared Transport Network Element in 15 combination, at a minimum to the extent available on UNE-P under the applicable 16 interconnection agreement or SGAT where MCImetro has opted into an SGAT as its 17 interconnection agreement (collectively, "ICAs") as the same existed on June 14, 2004. 18 Qwest Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) services (such as Remote Access 19 Forwarding/Call Following), Qwest Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), and Qwest Voice 20 Messaging Services (VMS) may also be purchased with compatible QPP<sup>TM</sup> services. The 21 term of the Amendment begins on July 16, 2004 remains in effect through July 31, 2008. 22 The recurring ("MRC") and nonrecurring ("NRC") rates for QPP<sup>TM</sup> services and 23 all applicable usage-based rates and miscellaneous charges (other than applicable

1	intercarrier compensation charges such as access charges and reciprocal compensation		
2	and MRCs and NRCs for elements and services provided pursuant to MCImetro's ICAs)		
3	are stated in the attached Rate Sheets. The rates for QPP <sup>TM</sup> services set forth in the		
4	attached Rate Sheets will be in addition to the applicable rates for elements and services		
5	provided under MCImetro's ICAs. The loop element combined with a QPP <sup>TM</sup> service		
6	will be provided pursuant to MCImetro's ICAs with Qwest at the rates set forth in those		
7	ICAs. The term of the Amendment begins on July 16, 2004 remains in effect through		
8	July 31, 2008.		
9	Qwest will provide commercial performance measurements and reporting against		
10	established performance targets with QPP <sup>TM</sup> service. The following performance		
11	measurements will apply to QPPTM Residential and QPPTM Business: (a) Firm Order		
12	Confirmations (FOCs) On Time, (b) Installation Commitments Met, (c) Order Installation		
13	Interval, (d) Out of Service Cleared within 24 Hours, (e) Mean Time to Restore, and (f)		
14	Trouble Rate. Commercial measurement definitions, methodologies, performance targets		
15	and reporting requirements are attached as Attachment A. Qwest will provide MCImetro		
16	with the raw data necessary to allow MCImetro to disaggregate results at the state level.		
17 18 19 20	3. The facts upon which MCImetro will rely to demonstrate that the agreement or amendment does not discriminate against other telecommunications carriers who are interconnected with any of the parties;		
21	Both the BHC Amendment and the QPP MSA are available in their entirety to		
22	any telecommunications carrier under the same rates, terms and conditions. Qwest has		
23	posted the BHC Amendment on its wholesale website at:		
24	http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/downloads/2004/040722/UNE-Pelim-BatchHotCut7-		
25	20-04.doc wherein it states: "Below are New Products and Services not in the filed		

1	Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGATs). The language can be incorporated in		
2	an Interconnection Agreement"		
3	and the QPP MSA at <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/clecs/commercialagreements.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/clecs/commercialagreements.html</a>		
4	wherein in it states "A Carrier may use the Commercial Agreements below, to enter into		
5	a business relationship with Qwest"		
6	Finally, by filing these agreements for review and approval, the terms will be		
7	available for opt-in purposes if these Agreements are approved.		
4. The facts upon which the MCImetro will rely to demonstrate Interconnection Agreement or Amendment is in the public interest.			
10 11	These agreements are consistent with the Commission's pro-competitive policies		
12	described in its rules, statutes, FCC rules and the Communications Act of 1934, as		
13	amended in 1996. Further, these agreements are consistent with general policies		
14	encouraging parties to settle disputes and calling upon parties to negotiate in good faith		
15	on wholesale rates, terms and conditions for UNEs. These agreements may permit		
16	MCImetro to continue to offer The Neighborood <sup>TM</sup> suite of product and services to		
17	business and residential customers in the state thereby allowing MCImetro to continue to		
18	compete in the mass market.		
19	5. Affidavit		
20	Attached hereto is an affidavit signed by William Levis, Director, Western Public		
21	Policy, who is authorized to act on behalf of the MCImetro, stating that the contents of		
22	this filing and all attachments, are true, accurate, complete and correct.		
23	WHEREFORE, MCImetro requests the Commission review and approve the		
24	attached agreements.		
25	Dated: July 30, 2004		

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15	I, William Levis, Director, do hereby state that the factual statements contained in		
16	the within Agreement Filing for Approval of Negotiated Amendment and attachments,		
17	are true, accurate, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief under		
18	penalty of perjury.		
19	Dated: July 30, 2004		
20	•	William Levis	
21		Director, Western Public Policy	
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23	Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 <sup>th</sup>	day of July, 2004, by William Levis.	
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